

Case of Gen. Fitz John Porter.

Last week, Judge Advocate General Holt laid the record in the case of General Fitz John Porter, which he had spent three days in making up, before the President, who signified his approval of the findings of the court martial, and ordered the sentence to be carried into execution. The findings are that he is *guilty on every one of the charges preferred*, and the sentence is that he be dismissed from the service. The Court Martial consisted of the following officers:

Major General Hunter, presiding; Major General Hitchcock, Brigadier Generals Rufus King, Prentiss, Ricketts, Casey, Garfield, Buford and Morris, with Colonel Holt, the Judge Advocate General, as Judge Advocate.

The charges on which General Porter is convicted were, in brief, as follows:

1. Disobeying, on the 28th of August, an order of Gen. Pope, then his superior officer, directing him to bring his corps to help Hooker and others in what is now known as the second battle of Bull Run.

2. Disobeying another order of Gen. Pope on the day following, directing him to make certain movements.

3. Totally disobeying very important orders as to the movements of his corps while the battle was in progress on the said 29th of August.

4. Disregarding a peremptory order from General Pope to bring his command into action and to report in person on the field.

5. Permitting certain of his brigades, in defiance of positive orders, to march back to Centreville, thus greatly delaying the arrival of Pratt's Brigade on the field of battle of the 30th August.

6. When peremptorily ordered into battle, he "did there shamefully disobey, and did retreat from the advancing forces of the enemy, without any attempt to engage them, or aid the troops who were already fighting greatly superior numbers, and were relying on the flank attack he was ordered to make to secure a decisive victory, and to capture the enemy's army, a result which must have followed from said flank attack, had it been made by said General Porter in compliance with the said order which he so shamefully disobeyed."

7. In that, "being with his army corps on Friday, the 29th of April, between Manassas Station and the field of battle then pending, and within sound of the guns, and in presence of the enemy, and knowing that a severe action of great consequence was being fought, and that the aid of his corps was greatly needed, did fail all that day to bring it on to the field, and did shamefully fall back and retreat from the advance of the enemy, without any attempt to give them battle, and without knowing the forces from which he shamefully retreated."

8. That "being in the belief that the troops of General Pope were sustaining defeat and retiring from the field, did shamefully fail to go to the aid of said troops, and did shamefully retreat, and fall back with his army to the Manassas Junction, and leave to the disaster of a presumed defeat the said army, and did fail, by any attempt to attack the enemy, to aid in averting the misfortune of a disaster that would have endangered the safety of the Capital of the country."

A man by the name of Braut was sent to the Old Capitol prison on Monday for attempting to use a pass belonging to Capt. Gitterman, of Gen. Von Steinwehr's staff. He attempted to implicate the Captain in the transaction, representing that he gave it to him and advised him to use it; but the Captain proved that he had lost the pass.

Notwithstanding that the large majority of the Missouri Legislature are radical emancipationists, it seems, from a statement of the activities of the members, that only 11 are from New England.

Intercepted Letter from John Mitchel.

[From the Washington Chronicle]

Among the recent batch of correspondence captured by the Government on the person of Mr. Sanders, was one addressed by John Mitchel one of the Irish rebels of '48. The letter is addressed to the Dublin Nation, and commences by telling how he escaped into Virginia. He arrived *incog.* at New York, and proceeded as fast as possible to one of the Maryland counties, where he in company with two officers of the Confederate army, crossed the Potomac, "close by four gun-boats, and under the bows of a Yankee revenue cutter." He extols the people of the lower counties of Maryland, says they are loyal to the core to the rebel conspiracy, and that they are constantly smuggling contraband goods to their friends in the South. Richmond he finds very little changed, and that the Irish citizens are giving a hearty support to the Government. The letter concludes as follows:

"There are, as I learn, about forty thousand Irishmen in the Southern army; but they are distributed, as they ought to be, through all regiments and all arms of the service, and have never been formed into an Irish brigade.—They do not pretend to fight this American quarrel as Irishmen; nor do they desecrate the name nor prostitute the flag of Ireland at all. As for the Northern Irish who seem to have got themselves persuaded that the enfranchisement of Ireland is somehow to result from the subjugation of the South, and that the repeal of one Union in Europe depends upon the enforcement of another Union in America, our friends here do not well understand the process of reasoning which leads to that conclusion; nor do I. They call those Northern Irish, as well as all the Northern forces, by the one general name, Yankees; and indignantly protest that the green bunting under which Irish brigades have chosen to march to the invasion and subjugation of the South, is not the banner of Ireland at all—merely one of the Yankee insignia. In all this I agree with them entirely. Nobody has the right to unfurl the colors of Ireland in a war of invasion and plunder and coercion. These Irish at the South have never pretended to mix up their native country in the struggle; they indulge in no Fontenoyism; they flaunt no Sunbursts; they display on their banners no Round Towers, Wolf Dogs, or Crownless Harps; but go ahead quite simply, under the Stars and Bars of their adopted country, to defend their own homes and hearths from a host of greedy invaders. If they should be overpowered and defeated, Ireland, at least, will not be dishonored in their persons.

"But they have no thought of being defeated; and I will sum up my impression by declaring my conviction that this Confederacy can never be conquered."

Dr. Phillimore and Vernon Lushington, of the British Court of Admiralty, have delivered a joint opinion in the case of the British steamship *Circassian*, lately condemned as a U. S. prize in the Court of the Southern District of Florida, for attempting to run the blockade of New Orleans. The British jurists say that the blockade of New Orleans had de facto ceased to exist at the time of the seizure of the *Circassian*, and she could not be held accountable for the intention to commit an act which she had really no power to do. The Judges advise Mr. Pearson, the owner of the *Circassian*, to appeal the case to the Supreme Court of the United States, where, they have no doubt, he will obtain full redress. They add that the British government cannot act in the matter as a government case until the decision of the Supreme Court has been given.

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